

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A device for partitioning a plastic parison to give at least one semifinished open-surface product, using at least one means of partitioning the plastic parison, wherein the device ~~encompasses~~comprises at least one means of drive.
2. (currently amended) ~~A~~The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the means of drive is (i) a smooth, profiled, grooved, and grooved surface, (ii) a coated surface, or (iii) a smooth, profiled, grooved and ~~and/or coated surface.~~
3. (currently amended) ~~A~~The device as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the means of drive ~~encompasses~~comprises at least one, ~~preferably at least two driven rolls~~roll.
4. (currently amended) ~~A~~The device as claimed in claim 1, ~~2, or 3~~, wherein the means of partitioning the plastic parison ~~has~~ comprises at least one of:
 - (i) sharp-edged, ~~where appropriate exchangeable,~~ cutting units ~~and/or;~~ and
 - (ii) edgeless, ~~preferably bar-shaped units.~~
5. (currently amended) ~~A~~The device as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein the means of partitioning the plastic parison is a body of triangular cross section which has been arranged transversely to ~~the~~a direction of extrusion.
6. (currently amended) ~~A~~The device as claimed in claim 4 ~~or 5~~, wherein the ~~body or the unit is~~units are metallic ~~and preferably has a coating of plastic.~~
7. (currently amended) ~~A~~The device as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein the device ~~has~~ comprises a holder for at least one of the means of partitioning the plastic parison ~~and/or~~and for the means of drive.
8. (currently amended) ~~A~~The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the ~~design of the holder is such that it functions as~~ a spacer for the semifinished open-surface products.

9. cancelled

10. (currently amended) ~~A~~The device as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein the means of drive, ~~preferably the driven roll(s)~~, has been set into recesses on the means of partitioning the plastic parison.

11. (currently amended) ~~A~~The device as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein the device has a means of guiding the semifinished open-surface products.

12. (currently amended) ~~A~~The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the means of guiding ~~encompasses~~comprises guide rollers ~~which may, where appropriate, be driven, and can preferably be moved transversely to the direction of extrusion.~~

13. (currently amended) A process comprising ~~The use of the device as claimed in any of the preceding claims for~~ partitioning an extruded or coextruded plastic parison to give at least one semifinished open-surface product, with a device comprising at least one means of partitioning a plastic parison, wherein the device comprises at least one means of drive.

14. (new) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the means of drive comprises at least two driven rolls.

15. (new) The device as claimed in claim 4 wherein the sharp-edged units are exchangeable.

16. (new) The device as claimed in claim 4 wherein the edgeless units are bar-shaped.

17. (new) The device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the units are metallic and have a coating of plastic.

18. (new) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the body is metallic.

19. (new) The device as claim in claim 18, wherein the body is metallic and has a coating of plastic.
20. (new) The device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the means of drive are driven roll(s).
21. (new) The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the guide rollers are driven.
22. (new) The device as claimed in claim 21 wherein the guide rollers can be moved transversely to a direction of extrusion.
23. (new) The process as claimed in claim 13, where the device further further comprises a holder.
24. (new) The process as claimed in claim 23, further comprising heating or cooling at least one of the holder, the means of partitioning the plastic parison and the means of drive.